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Dear Mr. Macfarlane:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeals you filed regarding the Roadside Hazard Tree Removal Project Decision Notices (DNs) on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests.

My review of your appeals were conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.18 to ensure the analysis and decisions are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal records, including your arguments, the information referenced in the Forest Supervisor's August 14, 2013, transmittal letters, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (copy enclosed). The transmittal letters provide the specific page references to discussions in the DN's and project files, which bear upon your objections. I specifically incorporate in this decision the appeal records, the references and citations contained in the transmittal letters, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letters and recommends the Forest Supervisor's decisions be affirmed and your requested relief be denied.

Based upon a review of the references and citations provided by the Forest Supervisor, I find the objections were adequately considered in the DN's. I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions in regard to your appeal objections. I find the Forest Supervisor has made reasoned decisions and has complied with all laws, regulations, and policy.

After careful consideration of the above factors, I affirm the Forest Supervisor's decisions to implement the Roadside Hazard Tree Removal Project on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests. Your requested relief is denied.



My decision constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,


JANE L. COTTRELL
Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Norma Staaf, Tammy Harding, Rick Brazell, Ray G Smith, Allen Byrd